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Fiscal Note

HF 2578 - Medical Assistance (LSB 5721 HV)
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Description

House File 2578 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase resource disregards under the Medical Assistance Program for employed persons with disabilities from \$10,000 to \$30,000. The Bill adds to retirement accounts and medical savings accounts, assistive technology accounts, as additional resources that may be disregarded under the Program. The Bill requires all individuals eligible for assistance to pay a premium based on a sliding fee schedule.

Assumptions

1. A change in resource disregard will add 94 eligibles in FY 2003 and 109 eligibles in FY 2004.
2. The new eligibles will pay premiums which would offset DHS administrative costs associated with implementing changes to resource disregards.
3. Department of Human Services currently provides a disregard for assistive technology accounts.
4. Requiring all individuals eligible for assistance to pay premiums based on a sliding fee schedule will affect 3,422 additional eligibles.
5. The premium payment would be \$20.00 a month per eligible.
6. There would be administrative costs associated with implementation of the new premium payments and additional eligibles.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2003 and FY 2004 General Fund impact of HF 2578 is as follows:

<u>Areas of Impact</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>
Resource Disregard	\$214,000	\$283,000
Assistive Technology	0	0
Premium Payments	- 187,000	- 187,000
Net General Fund	<u>\$ 27,000</u>	<u>\$ 96,000</u>

Source

Department of Human Services

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
